

REMARKS

This responds to the Final Office Action mailed on October 7, 2008.

Claims 1 and 3 are amended and no claims are canceled or added; as a result, claims 1 and 3 remain pending in this application.

Interview Summary

Applicant thanks Examiner Charles D. Adams for the Examiner's Interview conducted via the telephone on January 7, 2009. In the interview, Applicant provided proposed amendments to claim 1 and claim 3.

The proposed amendment to claim 1 was provided for discussion purposes with regard to the deficiencies noted by applicant in the last response with regard to Horn and its combination with Abjanic in the 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) rejections. Although no agreement as to patentability was reached, Examiner Adams noted that the claim appeared from his initial glance at the claim and Horn to overcome the rejection. The amendments to claim 1 as detailed above are identical to the proposed amendments to claim 1 provided to Examiner Adams.

The proposed amendment to claim 3 was provided for discussion purposes in view of the 35 U.S.C. § 101 rejection and Examiner Adams believes the amendments will overcome the rejection, but reserved final judgment as claim 3 was to be amended further by Applicant in view of the discussion of the proposed amendments to claim 1.

Specification Objection

The specification was objected to for failing to recite a memory. Although the specification may not use the term memory, various storage mediums are discussed, such as at page 6, lines 1-4 and at page 11, lines 20-23 of the specification as filled. Further, the specification describes software that is stored on and executed by computers. Applicant respectfully submits that one of skill in the art would readily appreciate that such computer have memory. Nevertheless, this objection stems from claim 3 including a memory. Applicant has amended claim 3 from being a system claim to the form of a computer-readable medium claim. As such the memory recited in claim 3 has been removed. Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that the specification objection is overcome. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

§101 Rejection of the Claims

Claim 3 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as lacking the necessary physical articles or objects to constitute a machine or a manufacture with the meaning of 35 U.S.C. 101. As mentioned above, claim 3 is amended to the form of a computer-readable medium claim. Support for this amendment is found throughout the specification as filed, such as at page 6, lines 1-4 and at page 11, lines 20-23. Applicant has also amended these cited portions of the specification, as detailed above, to remove language from the specification that may cause an appearance that applicant is claiming signals. Entry of the amendments to claim 3 and to the specification and withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. § 101 rejection are respectfully requested.

§103 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 1 and 3 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Abjanic (U.S. Patent No. 6,732,175; hereinafter “Abjanic”) in view of Horn et al. (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0156688; hereinafter “Horn”).

Applicant has amended claims 1 and 3 to clarify the patentability of the claims over the combination of Abjanic and Horn. In particular, these amendments clarify that the key values identify a transaction on the “source” systems and are not product identifiers as in Horn. Applicant’s argument for patentability is the same as in the previous response and is not repeated here for the sake of brevity.

Thus, in view of these amendments and the arguments made in the previous response, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1 and 3 are patentable over the combination of Abjanic and Horn because the references, alone and in combination, fail to teach the key values associated with electronic documentation items received from the different software systems that allow all documentation items relating to a transaction between the system to be retrieved using a single one of the key values as claimed. Withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) rejection and allowance of claims 1 and 3 are respectfully requested.

Amendments After Final Rejection

Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the amendments made herein as the amendments to claims merely clarify limitations already present in the claims which should have been reasonably search based not only on the previous claim language, but also in view of the arguments applicant has previously made. Further, the amendments to claim 3 are in part responsive to the 35 U.S.C. § 101 rejection which necessitated amendment. For at least these reasons, Applicant respectfully requests entry and consideration of the amendments.

CONCLUSION

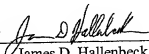
Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance, and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's representative at (612) 373-6938 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

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